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No. 30/7/48-Apptt. (SP).—The Governor General has heard with the deepest regret of the death last night at Imphal of Sir Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam. By his passing, the Government of India have lost an administrator who was distinguished not merely for his sustained high quality as an official but also for the exceptional warmth of his friendship which extended over a wide circle and included men of all creeds and communities.

2. Sir Akbar Hydari joined the Indian Civil Service in 1919. He came to the Government of India in the year 1924 and since that year held a variety of posts. He was Agent to the Government of India in Ceylon, Secretary to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, Joint Secretary to the Indian States Delegation to the Indian Round Table Conference, London, Adviser to the Delegation from Hyderabad to the Round Table Conference, Secretary to the Government of India in the Departments of Labour and Industries and Civil Supplies, Leader of the Supply Mission to the United Kingdom during the war, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council and lastly Governor of Assam. In all these posts, he distinguished himself by a notable combination of talents —capacity for hard work, sound judgment and great personal charm. His loss is a particularly serious one coming at a time when India is pressed by administrative problems of great complexity.

3. Sir Akbar will be remembered above all for the remarkable catholicity of his religious outlook and his genius for friendship. In this he maintained the distinguished record of his illustrious father.

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